

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Dale Hunsberger, et al.

Serial No.: 08/908,896

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For: Sound Attenuating Motor End Shield



Group Art Unit: 2837

Examiner: E. San Martin

Date of Notice: January 27, 2000

**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowability mailed January 27, 2000, the applicants traverse the Examiner's statement to the extent it differs from a mere restatement of the claim language. Applicants further traverse the Examiner's statement and reasoning insofar as they would lead to or suggest, if at all, an interpretation of the claimed invention different from the full extent of claim scope afforded thereto by the established law in the absence of the statement of the reasons for allowance.

For example, Applicant notes the Examiner's comment with respect to claim 22. In particular, the Examiner's comment is incorrect that claim 22 includes a central mass disrupting the shape of the end shield to diminish the potential drum reverberation effect. Instead, claim 22 defines an end shield that includes a metal annular ring and a plastic end plate. Applicants are entitled to the complete patent coverage afforded by a patent as defined by the claims and not erroneous statements made by the Patent Examiner in the "Comments on Reasons for Allowance."

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Andrew J. Heinisch".

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